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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: D.R. Boulais Attorney Docket No.: BSEN121510
Application No.: 10/820,623 Art Unit: 3739 / Confirmation No.: 8190
Filed: April 8, 2004 Examiner: M.J. Kasztejna
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ORIENTING ENDOSCOPE AND
OPERATOR CONTROL

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 9, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- X a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 12, 2006.
- X 2. Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated October 12, 2005, set to expire on January 12, 2006, be extended by 2 months, to expire on March 12, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$450.00.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.
- X a. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.
- b. The enclosed amendment adds claims in excess of the number previously paid for. The claim fees are calculated as shown.

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02 FC:1252 450.00 OP

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COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	790
Total Claims	8	20	0	x 50	0
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x 200	0
Extension of Time			+	450	450
TOTAL					\$1,240

- X 4. Check No. 169479 in the amount of \$1,240.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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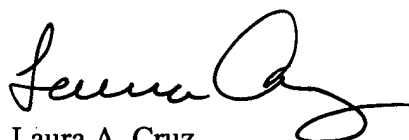
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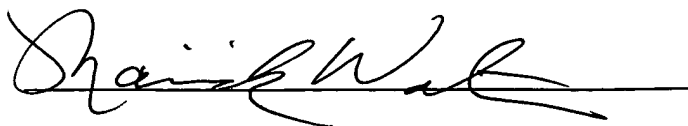
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